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REMARKS

Thorough examination and careful review of the application by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

The gracious allowance of Claims 13 and 16-20 is further acknowledged and appreciated.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

Claims 13 and 16-20 are allowed.

Claims 1-12, 14 and 15 stand rejected.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-12, 14, 15 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards and the invention. The Examiner questions how could a free standing microstructural member be formed when the final resist portion is still existed under the structural material layer.

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Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to further recite the process step of "removing said final resist portion". The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner further questioned that it is unclear as to where the second resist layer is formed.

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to further recite the limitations of "forming at least a second sacrificial resist layer on a top surface of said first resist portion". The Examiner rejection is therefore traversed.

Claims 2,4,5,6,7,8,9,14 and 15 are further elected for various informalities.


Claims 2,4,5,6,7,8,9,14 and 15 have been amended to alleviate the Examiner's rejection. A reconsideration for allowance of these claims is respectfully request of the Examiner.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending Claims, i.e. Claims 1-12 and 14,15 are now in condition for allowance. Such favorable action by the Examiner together with the passage to issuance of the allowed Claims 13,16-20 is respectfully solicited from the Examiner.

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In the event that the present invention as claimed is not in condition for allowance for any reason, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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